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SUBJECT: APPROACHING THE FRENCH ON SOSUS AND LOS

1. YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH GUIRINGAUD AND
MAKE POINTS IN FOLLOWING PARAS.

2. SECRETARY HAS ASKED YOU TO RELAY FOLLOWING TO FOREIGN
MINISTER.

3. MISTRAL, QUAI, CALLED IN PARIS EMBOFF MAY 4 ON US
RESPONSE ON FRENCH QUERIES ON SOSUS AND RELATIONSHIP TO
LOS AMENDMENT ON LISTENING DEVICES ON CONTINENTAL SHELF.

4. AS THE MINISTER IS AWARE PRESIDENT CARTER AFFIRMED TO
PRESIDENT GISCARD IN LONDON OUR INTENT TO CONTINUE SENSITIVE
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COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

5. WITH REGARD TO FRENCH QUERIES ON SOSUS, THE UNITED
STATES CAN CONFIRM THE TWO ASSURANCES OF THE PREVIOUS
ADMINISTRATION THAT THE US DOES NOT DEPLOY SOSUS IN THE
FRENCH 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE AND WILL NOT DO SO WITHOUT
CONSULTATION.

6. IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, WE EXPECT THAT AT THE 23 MAY

OS MEETING FRANCE WILL NOT SUPPORT THE MEXICIAN AMENDMENT PROHIBITING EMPLACEMENT OF LISTENING DEVICES ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WITHOUT CONSENT FROM THE COASTAL STATES. THIS AMENDMENT COULD DEGRADE OUR ASW CAPABILITY AGAINST THE SOVIETS AND DAMAGE OUR MUTUAL SECURITY.

7. WE WOULD LIKE ANY FURTHER CONTACTS OR QUERIES IN THIS AREA PLACED IN SAME CHANNEL AS SENSITIVE COOPERATION, I.E., ADDRESSED TO WHITE HOUSE WHICH WILL SERVE AS FOCAL POINT FOR INTERAGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND CONFIRMED TO APPROPRIATE LEVELS WITHIN BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

8. FYI SENSITIVE COOPERATION WAS GENERALLY DISCUSSED IN LONDON AS INDICATED ABOVE, BUT NEITHER SIDE RAISED SOSUS-LOS, AND ASW INFORMATION WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED. IF GUIRINGAUD RAISES QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL SOSUS ASW INFORMATION, YOU SHOULD REITERATE POINT PARA 7 AND UNDER-TAKE TO TRANSMIT HIS QUERIES. END FYI.

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